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1. This communication is responsive to SIR request filed 6/3/04

2. Applicant is hereby notified that the Request for publication of claim(s) 2 and 3 in a Statutory Invention Registration in the above identified application, is approved.

Any request for withdrawal of the Request for publication of a Statutory Invention Registration filed on or after the date of mailing of this Notice must be in the form of a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 and be accompanied by the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h).

3. The drawings filed on 6/3/04 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Attachment(s)

1 Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 3 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 5 Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.

2 Examiner's Amendment/Comment
 4 Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.
 6 Other

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